Hub and Spoke plan for Indian Airlines

2691. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to launch "Hub and Spoke" plan in the Indian Airlines, and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Hub and Spoke arrangement is a well established system of transport planning; particularly in airlines operations. Indian Airlines has already adopted it.

Air service to North East region

2692. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the capital cities of the North East are not yet connected by air service and for the ones which are connected the service are not adequate; and

(b) whether any time bound programme has been chalked out by Government to connect these places and to regularise the service to these area which are already connected by air

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Only two state capitals namely Itanagar and Kohima are not connected by air Services to other State capitals are considered adequate. Due to commercial and operational reasons, it is not possible at present to extend/increase services to these places.

वृन्दावन गार्डन में पर्यटकों के प्रवेश पर प्रतिबंध लगाया जाना

2693 श्रीमती सत्या बहिन : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश और विदेश के पर्यटकों के लिये बंगलौर में प्रसिद्ध वृन्दावन गार्डन में प्रवेश पर प्रतिबंध लगा दिया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या इस प्रतिबंध के कारण देश और विदेश से आने वाले पर्यटकों की संख्या पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव नहीं पड़ेगा ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री श्री माधवराव सिंधिया(: (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) से (घ) मन्दी के मौसम (ऑफ सीजन) का लाभ उठाते हुए, राज्य सरकार ने गार्डन को दिनांक 4.7.92 से 31.8.92 तक मरम्मत के कार्य के लिए बन्द कर दिया है ।

Re-employment after retirement in ITDC

2694. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of employees who were re-employed after retirement in Indian Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. during the last three years upto June, 1992 on particular assignments together with reasons and justification in each case;

(b) what are the details of salary/perks enjoyed by them;

(c) whether it is a fact that as per the existing Government policy, extension

of tenure, is permissible only to the Chief Executive of Public Enterprises and that too based on their performance;

(d) if so, whether the above-said guidelines of Government have been adhered to in the ITDC.; and

(e) if not, whether Government would fix responsibility and take action against the officials who flouted the Government's rules?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in the Annexpre (c) to (e) (*see* Appendix CLXIV, Annexpre No. 44). The tenure of executive appointments in ITDC coming under the purview of Government can be extended or curtailed based on their performance/exigencies of work. This is being followed by ITDC in the matter of appointments of Consultants in the Corporation.

Taking over of Surat Airport by Central Government

2695. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL:
SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received any proposal to take over Surat Airport in Gujarat from the State Government;

(b) if so, from whom the proposal was received;

(c) whether it is a fact that the NAA is going to take over Surat Airport from the State Government, if so by when; and

(d) by when is it proposed to start Indian Airlines services from Surat Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) In January 1991, the requests were received from the Chief Secretary and Chief Minister of Gujarat for Surat airport to be taken over by the National Airports Authority for upgradation.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Since the existing runway is not suitable for Boeing-737 operations, Indian Airlines has no plans to introduce air services to Surat.

Aircraft operated by Vayudoot

2696. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to replace ageing old aircraft in Indian Airlines;

(b) what are the present prevailing costs of a new A-300 Airbus, A-320 Airbus and 737 Boeings;

(c) how many aircraft are being operated at present by Vayudoot; and

(d) what are the airports which are at present linked by Vayudoot services?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Indian Airlines has prepared a long-term perspective plan which, among other things, envisages phasing out of old aircrafts.

(b) Prices vary depending not only upon the class of the aircraft but also a variety of other factors including the manner of procurement that is whether on outright purchase or lease or lease cum-purchase.

(c) Vayudoot has a fleet of 8 HS-748, 8 Dornier 228 and 1 F-27 aircraft of which 6 HS-748, 5 Dornier 228 and 1 F-27 aircraft are operational at present.

(d) Information is given in the statement enclosed.